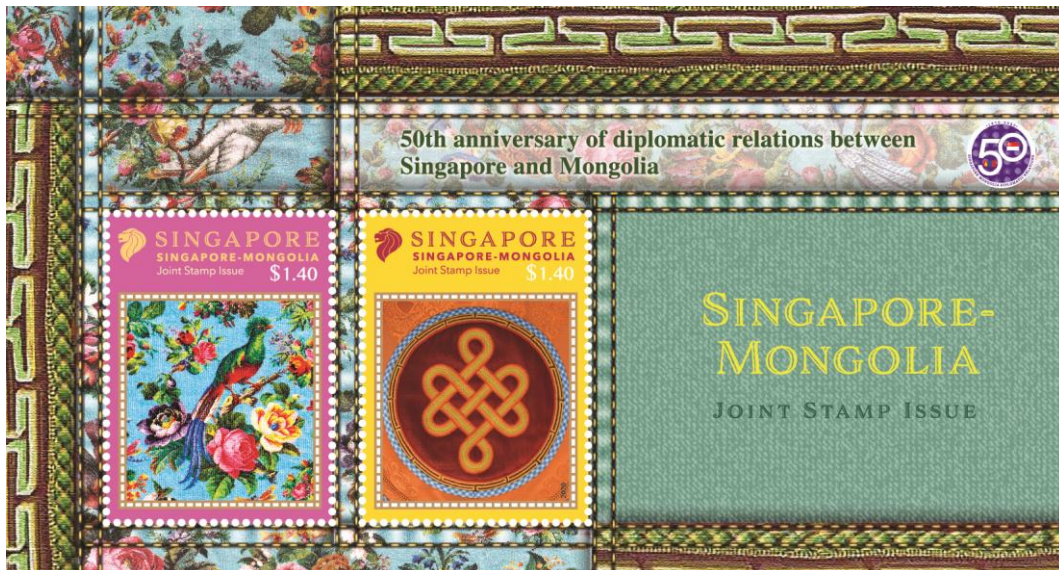


SingPost commemorates 50 Years of Singapore-Mongolia diplomatic relations with joint stamp issue



Singapore, 25 November 2020 – Singapore Post Limited (SingPost), together with Mongol Post today launched a joint stamp issue to commemorate 50 years of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Mongolia.

The joint stamp issue features exquisite and iconic artworks found in each country. On the left is a Peranakan table cover among the Singapore's Peranakan Museum collection, while on the right is an image of embroidery on a traditional Mongolian cup bag.

The artwork representing Singapore is a beaded table cover, traditionally used to decorate a table known as the *choon tok* in the wedding chamber of a Peranakan bride and groom. The *choon tok* is where the couple partake in their first meal together as husband and wife. Prized silver and porcelain wares would be typically be arrayed on the table as well.

This particular beaded cover is made up of over a million small glass beads, some faceted. A variety of birds, insects, and flowers native to Asia, Europe, and South America are set against a turquoise ground, a popular shade in Peranakan needlework from Penang. The artwork also features roses, a common motif due to their resemblance to peonies, a traditional symbol of wealth, honour, and love.

The Mongolian artwork featured on the other stamp is an *Ulzii* embroidery found on a Mongolian cup bag. The *Ulzii*, also known as the Eternal Knot, is the most symbolic pattern Mongolians have used for centuries symbolising peace and happiness. The *Ulzii* is believed to bring vast knowledge, bliss, happiness, prosperity, long life, grace, aptitude and peace to the owner.



SingPost Senior Vice President for Post Office Network, Financial Services and Philately, Ms Marjorie Ooi said that SingPost is delighted to commemorate this special occasion with such elegant stamps, giving insights to both nation's history and culture.

"Singapore shares a very special tie with Mongolia, sharing a longstanding friendship over the last fifty years. Despite the varied history and geographical differences between both countries, we both share a common trait in having intricate and colourful histories and cultures, as exemplified by the artworks featured on the stamps," Ms Ooi said.

Dean of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps of Singapore, Ambassador of Mongolia in the Republic of Singapore, H.E. Lkhagvadorj Tumur said, "Mongolia and Singapore share a longstanding warm and friendly relationship. It is very pleasant to see that our bilateral and multilateral cooperations are further deepening, whereas, our people-to-people ties are growing stronger every year.

"The embroideries that are featured on these stamps not only portray the brilliant craftsmanship and rich cultures of our two countries, but they also symbolize a deeper meaning. I am confident that our future will be blessed with happiness, prosperity, love, and joy for a very long time, as the special messages these artworks carry," H.E. Tumur added.

The stamps (valued at S\$1.40 each), Miniature Sheet (S\$3.00), Pre-cancelled First Day Covers (S\$4.25 each) and Presentation Packs (S\$5.35) is available for sale from today (25 November 2020) at all post offices, philatelic stores and online at shop.singpost.com, while stocks last.

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